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"The great misery of departed spirits in the world of spirits, where they go after death, is to know that they come short of the glory that others enjoy and that they might have enjoyed themselves; and they are their own accusers."—JOSEPH SMITH.

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PRESENT-DAY CONDITIONS

PRESIDENT CHARLES W. NIBLEY

I REJOICE in the work of the Lord. I know that every commandment He has given to this Church, through the Prophet Joseph Smith, makes for righteousness, for right living, for better citizenship; makes better husbands, better wives, better children. There is not a single thing, a single thought or idea, in all those commandments, but that is uplifting and for the bettering of humankind.

I would like to read a few verses from Solomon, the wise man, contained in the first chapter of his Proverbs, commencing at the twenty-fourth verse. These verses of scripture seem to cover the situation to-day as though they were spoken concerning this generation:

Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

The old order changeth; the new world is upon us. We live to-day in a changed world from even thirty years ago. At the beginning of this century—take, for example, one item—there was scarcely a motor car seen anywhere in the United States. Only thirty years, within the memory of many of us, and yet to-day the building of motor cars, the opening of petrol stations, with shops upon every street for accessories and equipment, employs, I suppose, probably four or five million men. That is to say, the old order has so changed, just in thirty years, that four or five millions of men are employed in a new occupation, which was not known, or scarcely known, thirty years ago—so rapidly do we move in these days. Necessarily, all that affects our conditions of life. It affects our expense account. Motor cars have now become necessities. We are almost compelled to have them. Indeed, the working man goes to work now in a cheap motor car and can well afford it to save time going from his home to his work.

UNEMPLOYMENT

These changes affect employment. Especially do they affect employment when an industry of that kind, going at full blast, stops all at once, or practically stops: The demand ceases. It is a great calamity come upon the nation—maybe it is not a calamity at all, but a providence of the Almighty to stop our mad rush of speculation, in which stocks go tumbling to the bottom, and men who were rich, almost beyond compare, yesterday are practically penniless to-day. And so industry stops, and men are thrown out of employment. They are not idlers. I would not plead for the idler, for one of the revelations through the Prophet Joseph Smith says, in these words: "He that is idle shall not eat the bread nor wear the garments of the labourer."

We do not approve of idleness. In our Church, industry is one of our principal doctrines: "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling before the Lord." But I do plead for those who are out of employment at this time. There is not time to go into a discussion very fully regarding these changes that come about so quickly. But here they are; they confront us; they demand solution. The best we can do, temporarily, is, as the President of the United States pointed out, for our municipalities, our counties, our states and civic organizations to do everything they can to put in motion some work, that men who are willing to work may find employment.

The Lord tells us in another revelation that men ought to be diligently engaged in a good cause without being commanded. We ought not to wait till the bishop asks us, or till the President of the Church asks us to do something to help relieve this situation—to try to help our neighbours and our friends.

PLEA FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF

Whoever can do anything in the way of providing employment for this poor person who has no work, ought to do it without waiting to be asked; for "He who waits," the Lord says, "to be commanded in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant."

Let every man and every woman, who can do anything, do so. We nearly all can contribute something towards relieving this situation. And let me say, even the poor can help, for after all is said and done, it is the poor who help the poor, generally speaking; it is not the rich. Brethren and sisters, let us try to do what we can to see that employment is furnished for those who are out of employment, and who perhaps are in absolute, abject need. They should be taken care of in some way.

I feel a great concern in respect to this matter. I see changes coming upon the face of the earth. I see the perplexities of nations. England is perplexed to-day over this situation; so is Germany; America too. War is still extant; there is one at this moment in China; an uprising in India, and also in Turkey. Wars are going on upon the face of the earth. We may think that wars have ceased, that peace is here. But not so. There is perplexity of nations. This is one of the signs of the end, of the coming of the Son of Man. The warning is that "Nations should be in commotion and perplexed" because of situations arising which the wisest of statesmen can scarcely solve.

The scripture I read at the beginning says: "The prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil."

However, we can help to solve our own little affairs by keeping the commandments of the Lord, by being kind to each other, by considering our neighbours, my brother, my sister. I have sympathy, and we all should have sympathy, and do have, I am sure, for those who are in distress.

May the Lord help us to build up the kingdom of God, to sustain it, to pay our tithes, and our offerings. If we would just pay our fast offerings once a month, if the five hundred thousand of our people in the United States would only pay thirty cents (one shilling and three pence) a month per capita on fast day, that alone would be \$150,000 (£30,000) a month, or in ten months \$1,500,000. With that we would have an abundance to give to the poor whose necessities are demanding attention.

Now let us, my brethren and sisters, keep the commandments

of the Lord, and build up His kingdom. Let us love the Lord our God, seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things needful shall be granted unto us. Amen.—Address delivered in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., at the 101st Semi-annual Conference, on Sunday, October 5th, 1930.

EVENING MEDITATIONS

WILLIAM J. JOLLIFFE, JR., LONDON DISTRICT

BUT O! this hour of heavenly quietness,
 When, as a lake that opens to the sky,
 The soul serene in its great blessedness
 Looks up to meet Thine eye!

LUCY LARCOMBE.

How beautiful it is to commune with our Heavenly Father when the labours and turmoil of the day are over; how sweetly appropriate it is, in the calm of eventide, to meditate on the goodness of God.

The tides of the mighty deep stay awhile at ebb before they flow again; the moon often lingers at the full; the evening marks the interval between the daytime and the night ere darkness spreads her velvet curtain of sleep and rest. Should not man also pause in that quiet hour betwixt his toil and repose?

The drops of the night flow forth from the same fountain as do the dews of the morning. The Lord, who walked with Abraham at the break of day, communed with Isaac in the field at eventide. He who talked with the prophets of old is just as willing now to hear His children when day is done and weary eyelids drop in slumber.

In many households it is more easy to gather the family together for evening prayer and meditation than in the morning, and in all the homes of the Saints it is well to observe this simple rite.

It is meet and proper that we should set apart a little time for thanksgiving to the Lord for His boundless grace, for self-examination and repentance of our carnal follies, and for sober reflection—and what more fitting time for contemplation than during the hours of the declining sun? If one hour can be endowed with a sacredness above its fellows, surely it must be the hour when the golden glory of the sun has faded in the west and the radiance of the stars is about to be revealed. This is the “hour of softened splendour,” when nature breathes a sweet benediction over all the earth—the hour when God’s mighty presence seems very near to us.

Let us dedicate this tranquil hour to Him; let us gather together in our home and in humbleness of heart raise a household song of praise; let us endeavour to realize the blessings and privileges we enjoy, and show our appreciation by living as He would

have us live; let us unite in family prayer and, ere we cower down beneath the wings of sleep, thank the Lord for His bounteous mercy and entreat Him to watch over us and protect us.

HOW TO CLOSE THE GAOLS

OF four thousand boys who passed before a New York judge on their way to gaol, reformatory, or parole, only three had belonged to a Sunday school.

The fact is recited as powerful testimony for religious training of the young.

In a letter to Dr. George William Carter, general secretary of the New York Bible Society, reprinted in *The Christian Observer* (Presbyterian), Judge Lewis L. Fawcett, of the State Supreme Court, gives his experience of twenty-three years on the bench:

"Permit me to state that my experience during twenty-three years on the bench, in which time over four thousand boys under the age of twenty-one years were convicted of crime before me, of whom but three were members of a Sabbath school, has satisfied me of the value of Sabbath schools to the community, in helping safeguard it, to the extent to which Sabbath schools exist, from the growth of criminals.

"My experience also satisfies me of their value to the individual.

"In 1,902 cases of suspended criminal sentences, in each of which a minister, priest, or rabbi became interested at my request, only sixty-two of the boys were brought back for violation of the conditions of parole. I believe the reform in the remaining cases (over one thousand) was prompt and permanent.

"In fact, I regard our Sabbath schools, including those of all faiths, as the only effective means to stem the rising tide of vice and crime among our youth.

"If all the children could be kept under the influence of the Sabbath school, and the grown-ups were active in some church, we could close our prisons and gaols, instead of being compelled to enlarge and increase their number.

"The problem of youth is the problem of humanity.

"There are over seventeen million boys and girls in the United States growing up without any moral training from any source—Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish.

"May your labour of love in teaching God to the children be fraught with most glorious results through their salvation and their work in His cause in the years to come."

"With such unquestioned evidence before them of the value of religious training," comments *The Christian Observer*, "is it not strange that parents are willing to neglect this vital feature of home and Church training?"

—From the *Literary Digest*, November 15th, 1930.

FALL DISTRICT CONFERENCES IN SWEDEN

OUR FIVE Centennial Fall District Conferences have now been held, and they have indeed been successful. We have five districts in this Mission; they cover a large territory, so it takes a long time to get around to all of them. Sister Hulterstrom and I have just recently finished visiting every district headquarters; we took in the different branch quarters also.

This extended conference tour has given us another opportunity to visit and mingle with all our missionaries, thirty-nine in number. In all, forty-six meetings were held during this tour; some of the meetings were very large. I can truly say, without exception, that we were blessed abundantly with the Spirit of God in our various gatherings. Several baptisms have also recently taken place. It certainly makes all happy to see some fruit of the faithful labours performed by our Elders.

In connection with our conference in Stockholm, a large concert was held, attended by more than four hundred people. Besides our choir and most talented members who took part on the program, we arranged to have with us Mr. Knut Ohrström, the well known opera singer who some time ago sang in our great Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Laura Möller, one of Stockholm's foremost violinists. On this occasion, we had the opportunity of acquainting a fine class of people with our Church, its great organization and its wonderful missionary system. Many new friends were gained through this concert. Inasmuch as it was held in connection with our Fall Centennial Conference, I can report that the different meetings in Stockholm were attended by 1,286 persons. Other missions may have larger attendances at times, but this number is considered very large here.

This is the fourth concert of its kind held during my mission here this time, and we are planning to have another one on New Year's Eve. These concerts bring us in contact with a very intelligent class of people, most of whom cannot be reached through our ordinary missionary activities, and give us a splendid opportunity to present our Gospel message.

O, this missionary work is wonderful to us and gets more wonderful day by day. We are all well and happy in our work.

GIDEON N. HULTERSTROM, Mission President.

FIRST INTER-DISTRICT M. I. A. CONTEST IN EUROPE

IT IS indeed inspiring as well as interesting to watch the great strides of advancement which are continually being made in the Lord's work in these lands. It has not been so very long since M. I. A. competitions among the branches of districts were commenced. This feature soon spread through the Missions of Europe, and has proved a commendable method of keeping the

young people actively engaged in developing healthy minds and intellects, and making many friends as well.

Now come the foundations of a greater enterprise. M. I. A. competitions are bursting district boundaries: Witness the inter-district friendly competition between the organizations of the Leeds and Sheffield Districts, held in Bradford on Saturday, November 15th, the first in all Europe, so far as is known or records show.

Many members of the Sheffield District made the trip to Bradford to be present and take part on the program. The contests started in the early afternoon. Each District pitted its best products against its opponent. The contests were lively, and each competitor did his best to make the competition a success. However, a thorough feeling of friendship prevailed throughout all the contesting numbers. Sheffield District managed, with difficulty, to pile up the greater number of points.

Each district was represented in the following numbers: Mixed quartette, mixed chorns, poetry composition, essay writing, debating, public speaking, recitation, piano solo and dramatics. Some very noteworthy talent and ability was manifested.

It does not make so much difference as to which District won or lost; the vital point is the fact that an attempt was made to exploit a new field, and the attempt was indeed a great success. It is easy to continue in old lines, but those who pioneer and hew out new roads are the ones who make history.

We heartily congratulate President Lucian C. Reid and the M. I. A. members of the Leeds District, and President Therald N. Jensen and the Sheffield District M. I. A. members for their worthy efforts and the success attained in the new enterprise.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

HOPE, like a ministering angel stands
 Forever by our side; pointing the way
 From out the darkness and the fears of night,
 To that fair land beneath the light of day.

It matters not what withering doubts assail,
 What ghostly phantoms of the dim, dead past;
 Hope whispers softly, "These are yesterdays,
 To-morrow comes, misfortune cannot last."

The fettered one upon the gallow's step,
 The friendless outcast—all whom terrors rend,
 Urged by bright hopes, will challenge even fate,
 And struggle on until the bitter end.

O, blessed spirit! 'neath thy radiant wings
 Is life renewed—hope counts not any cost—
 For youth, sweet promise; and for age, repose,
 While thou art nigh, no cause is ever lost!

HENRY F. KIRKHAM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1930

EDITORIAL

EVAN STEPHENS

EVAN STEPHENS took the baton of the Great Tabernacle Choir for a brief period at the last General Conference of the Church. He led the organ and voices in a glorious rendition of the "Song of the Redeemed." Then, filled with the joy of harmony and of a task well done, he returned to his home for his final rest. He died on October 27th, 1930, in the seventy-seventh year of his life.

Evan Stephens walked in noble company, with poesy, music and an understanding soul. Rock and tree and beast, the clouds in the sky and the setting sun, child and man, spoke to him of the infinite meaning and majesty of existence, enduring and eternal. Beloved of the Lord, he had the supreme power to express that which the unseen revealed to him. Words shaped themselves into inspiring hymns, and sounds became melodies for the setting of high thoughts, his own and others'. His numerous compositions are sung by the multitudes of the Church. He might have prophesied about his own work when he sang "Hark, how the Gospel songs resound from shore to shore, as voices sweet of happy throngs repeat them o'er and o'er."

His was also the singular combination of ability to compose music and conduct singers. The Tabernacle Choir rose to world fame under his leadership. His forgetfulness of self, in the exercise of his art, lifted those whom he directed into their best efforts.

All that Evan Stephens did had meaning. The Gospel was his interpreter. Cold formalism withered under the fire of his productions, kindled by a knowledge of the purpose of human existence. He loved to sing "of our salvation, in the kingdom of our Lord."

A lovable character was Evan Stephens. He was kind, tolerant, generous, a true friend who practiced the obligations of friendship. He loved to seek out young men and become their helper and, as it were, their second father. As he did not live for glory, these numerous acts of God-like charity shall never be known.

Fame overtook him. His name was a household word among Latter-day Saints and held in honour throughout the musical world. Men made pilgrimages to his home, set deep among flowers, shrubs and trees. He was grateful for goodness shown

him, but music, friendship and the vision of the eternal plan of life brought happiness into his life.

Evan Stephens was born on June 28th, 1854, in Pencader, Carmarthenshire, South Wales. As a lad, truth found him and he joined the Church and went to Western America, where he shared in the privations and hardships of pioneer life. Amidst physical toil, he heard the echoes of glorious music, from centuries of Welsh song, and they assumed form and force as he expressed them in terms of the new-found Gospel. The love of music drove him into the profession of it; and he climbed the long, steep hill to success. He was true to his adopted country, yet ever loved his native Wales. In the very year of his death he had hoped again to cross the continent and the ocean, and to muse and rejoice under the shadow of Snowdon and on the sands of Dee.

Evan Stephens died "having served his generation." That is high tribute. We are grateful for his bequest to the Church. He can not be forgotten.—W.

PRIESTHOOD MEETINGS

ALL who hold the Priesthood in a branch should meet weekly, to qualify themselves further for effective Priesthood service by study, discussion and reporting labours accomplished.

The weekly branch Priesthood meetings should be held preferably at the time when the sisters are holding their Relief Society meeting. The opening exercises are conducted jointly, the class exercises separately. Any other convenient time is acceptable; but a full hour should be provided for a Priesthood meeting.

The following suggestions will serve as guides for the procedure of branch Priesthood meetings:

1. Not fewer than two meetings a month should be devoted to the study of the book, *Studies in Priesthood*, each subject to be studied intensively with references to the standard Church works.

2. Not more than two meetings a month should be given to public speaking. That is, Gospel themes are assigned to one or two members of the class, to be expounded in the form of speeches or sermons at the next public speaking night. The other members of the class, the audience, are invited, after an address has been finished, to offer suggestions, criticisms and additions, or ask questions concerning points not made clear. The subjects for these addresses may be drawn from the whole Gospel field, but it is suggested that, in 1931, the articles of faith of the Church be used.

3. An extra evening may be used now and then as an open night in which the Priesthood may engage in a special program or a social affair.

4. At each Priesthood meeting, a few minutes may be devoted to brief reports from the Priesthood bearers of their activities during the week. Branch teachers' visits should be reported in a special meeting with the branch presidency.

5. Where the membership is large enough, it would be well to have separate classes for Deacons, Teachers, Priests and Elders. In such cases programs modified to suit each group should be formulated.

6. The branch presidency take charge of Priesthood meetings, or may appoint someone to do so. A secretary, appointed for each group, should have a roll of all members and should keep accurate records of attendance and program.

7. Helps and suggestions for the promotion of this most important work—Priesthood activity—will be sent out frequently from the mission office.—W.

“STUDIES IN PRIESTHOOD”

THE power of God delegated unto man to act in His name—such is the Priesthood of God! What a responsibility rests upon those who hold it that it may not be used unwisely, but it may be exercised in righteousness for the purposes it was intended. The Priesthood has been given that man may work out his salvation. Through the Priesthood, great things, far beyond human power, have been accomplished. It is through this holy authority that God communicates with His earthly children. Only that which is done through His authorized servants is recognized in heaven.

How necessary it is, then, that the persons endowed with this divine power know their responsibilities and duties, that they know how to officiate in God-given ordinances. Should the Priesthood members fail to know these fundamentals, apostacy would again creep into the Church of Jesus Christ as it did centuries ago after the Apostles of our Lord died, the ordinances and doctrines becoming corrupted and changed.

With such things in mind, *Studies in Priesthood* has been compiled and published—the first of its kind specifically designed for the Priesthood in Europe. This manual is being translated into the various European languages involved in our missionary system, and all the Priesthood members of these lands will be studying the same book, learning the same lessons, duties and responsibilities—a great step toward keeping all the missions in Europe in step one with another.

Based upon the revealed word of the Lord as contained in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, the new manual, in clear and concise language, answers the many questions confronting the Priesthood members. The history of the Priesthood is related; the offices, duties, power and organization of the Aaronic and

Melchizedek Priesthoods are explained, from the Deacon to the President of the High Priesthood. The methods of Church government are made clear. The relation between the Priesthood bearer and his family, his fellowman, and the Lord, is plainly defined. The proper manner of executing Church ordinances is outlined. The requirements of the individual member are carefully specified.

The Priesthood is the backbone of the Branch. As its members are, so is the Branch. Unless the Priesthood members are alive and active in their various callings, the Branch disintegrates. But, on the other hand, a wide-awake Priesthood, with a knowledge of its duties, will be the mainstay of a successful Branch.

It is planned that at least two of the weekly meetings each month should be devoted to lesson study. If the manual is studied properly and the topics discussed and explained at length, a two years' course is therein provided.

Studies in Priesthood is published in two bindings, a full cloth binding for one shilling and sixpence, and a cheaper, flush-cut binding for one shilling. The book is well worth the price. Every Priesthood member should be in possession of a copy; he should study and thoroughly learn its contents, that he may be better fitted to serve in his capacity as an authorized servant of the Lord.

WILLIAM D. CALLISTER.

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1830

THE closing three months of 1830 brought with them significant events in the history of the Church. A number of individuals who had faith in the youthful prophet, came to him asking what their callings might be. Joseph called upon the Lord in prayer and in answer received divine messages for Ziba Peterson and Parley P. Pratt (Section 32), Ezra Thayre and Northrup Sweet (Section 33), Orson Pratt (Section 34), Sidney Rigdon (Section 35), and Edward Partridge (Section 36). These revelations gave instructions to the individuals concerned, stating what their callings were, and made great promises to them if they proved faithful.

These brethren accepted their callings with faith and set about to fulfil them. Some, being so instructed, went forth on missions to the Indians—Lamanites, preaching all along their way, traveling westward. This journey commenced in October and continued throughout the fall and winter. In Ohio, they met Sidney Rigdon and his group of fellow believers known as "Campbellites." Among these people, many converts were found including Sidney Rigdon himself. At Kirtland, Ohio, a number of Campbellites who were attempting to practice the United

Order, received the testimony of the Restoration with gladness. The Indians visited were friendly to the missionaries, and a number of copies of the Book of Mormon were distributed among them.

During this three-month period, Joseph continued his work of revising the Scriptures. Extracts of the Prophecy of Enoch, now contained in the Book of Moses, Pearl of Great Price, were also revealed to the Prophet.

In December, the Lord revealed to Joseph the wisdom of the Saints gathering at the Ohio (Section 37), to escape their enemies and build up a strong nucleus of the Church. The Church was fast growing, but its members were scattered. The gathering later proved to be their temporary salvation.

INCREASING "STAR" SUBSCRIPTIONS

VARIOUS METHODS, more or less effective, have been employed in the past to increase subscriptions to the *Millennial Star*. However, none seem to bring such immediate results as the procedure recently put into use in the Sheffield District. The following is reported by President Therald N. Jensen :

Results of the first lap of the Sheffield District *Millennial Star* Speed Classic have just been tabulated. Twenty-six new *Star* subscriptions have been garnered by the M. I. A. members of the four organized branches, over half of these subscriptions received from non-members of the Church. This campaign constitutes part of the District M. I. A. competition work. Five points are given for each subscription obtained. "The *Star* in Every Home" is one of the campaign mottos.

We congratulate the Sheffield District on the new innovation. It works well. We urge all Districts to take note of this method, and to endeavour to increase the "Star" mailing list. The *Millennial Star* is a powerful factor in spreading truth among our friends as well as keeping the members of the Church well versed on the principles of the Gospel.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A SPIRITUAL feast was enjoyed by the members of the Church and their friends residing in Scotland at the District Conference held on Sunday, November 23rd, in the Free Gardners Hall, Edinburgh.

The pageant, "The Awakening," which has been so effective in presenting Word of Wisdom truths in other parts of the Mission, was ably produced by the Edinburgh Branch at the morning meeting. The congregation was favourably impressed with the presentation of Latter-day Saint health ideals.

At the afternoon meeting, the authorities of the Church, Mission and District, were unanimously sustained, and the histories of the various auxiliary units of the Church were related by some of the local members. Following these speeches, the brethren and sisters separated into classes to receive Priesthood and Relief Society instruction from President and Sister A. William Lund, respectively.

At the evening session, talks given by the missionaries were pleasantly interspersed with vocal and instrumental selections. Sister Lund bore witness to the power of faith. President Lund, as the principal speaker of the evening, clearly and impressively laid down the fundamental principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the illustrated lecture given on Saturday, November 22nd, Elder Wesley D. Amott presented the history of the Church and the wonders of scenic Utah before a large audience composed mainly of non-members of the Church.

The following mission officers and missionaries were present: President and Sister A. William Lund, Sister Ruth Lund, and Elder Wesley D. Amott, of the British Mission Office; President William M. Faulds, and Elders William O. Tolman, William T. Mathie, George E. Knight, Frank S. Campbell, Douglas Donaldson, LeRoy Duncan, John A. Freestone, O. Sherwin Webb, Jules Gillette, S. Albert Smith and Arthur L. Burrell, all of the Scottish District; Elder J. Blaine Freestone, of the Liverpool District; Elder T. Bruce Jenkins, of the Ulster District; and Elders Leo V. Toombs, Wayne H. Neilson, Fay E. Bates and B. Kenneth Lunt, of the Newcastle District.

ELDER DOUGLAS DONALDSON, District Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Appointment and Release: On November 16th, Elder Bernard P. Brockbank, of the Bristol District, was appointed President of the Leeds District, succeeding President Lucian C. Reid.

Transfers: The following missionaries have been transferred from and to the districts specified: Elder George E. Knight, Hull to Scottish on November 5th, and Elder LeRoy Duncan, Norwich to Scottish on November 18th.

Releases and Departures: The following missionaries have been honourably released from their labours in the British Mission and have departed for their homes in America: Ralph S. Olpin—Newcastle and Liverpool Districts, Lowell R. Rich—Leeds, Welsh and Newcastle Districts, released on October 12th, and Alma C. Palmer—Ulster and Manchester Districts, Eldon P. Darley—Newcastle and London Districts, A. Fenton Smith—Newcastle and London Districts, and Allen T. Wells—Scottish and London Districts, released on October 31st, sailed from Cherbourg on November 18th on board the *Leviathan*.

Arrivals and Assignments: The following missionaries for the British Mission arrived at Plymouth on November 19th, aboard the *George Washington*, and have been thus assigned: William Lamar Phillips, Evanston, Wyoming, to the Birmingham District; Frank Sefton Naylor, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Bristol District; Dan LeRoy Frodsham, Brigham City, Utah, to the Leeds District; Frank J. Mozley, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the London District; Martin R. Braithwaite, Manti, Utah, to the London District; Reed Smoot Cardon, Washington, D. C., to the Norwich District; Elwood Corry, Cedar City, Utah, to the Norwich District.

For the South African Mission: John Henry Smith, Evan P. Wright and C. D. Taylor, recently arrived at Mowbray, South Africa. H. H. Smith and S. L. Gardner arrived at Mowbray aboard the *Winchester Castle* on November 10th.

For the Norwegian Mission: Axel Martin Arensen, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Adolph Martin Nielsen, Shelley, Idaho, arrived at Oslo, Norway, on November 18th.

Doings in the Districts: *Bristol*—At a baptismal service held on November 15th at Crews Hole in the River Avon, two persons were baptized by Elder Lester H. Belliston. They were confirmed members of the Church the next day by Elders Merlin L. Hamilton and Bert W. Bellamy.

Liverpool—The Burnley Branch Bee-Hive Girls celebrated the anniversary of the Bee-Hive work in the Branch on Saturday, November 8th. Approximately one hundred members and friends were entertained by a short concert and thoroughly enjoyed a potato pie supper.

At a baptismal service held at the Burnley Baths on November 15th, twelve persons were baptized by Elders William Yancey, Lyndon J. Hall and John F. Hawkins. They were confirmed by President Gordon B. Taylor, and Elders John E. Owens, William Yancey, Lester H. Jones, Lyndon J. Hall, Clifford L. Ashton, John F. Hawkins and Arnold D. White.

Plans for the winter work were discussed at the union meeting of Section Two of the District at Burnley, on November 15th. Following the meeting, a short, one-act play was well presented by the Preston Branch.

Scottish—At the Armistice Day celebration in Glasgow, President William M. Faulds, representing the members and missionaries of the Glasgow Branch, laid a wreath on the Cenotaph in remembrance of the departed.

On November 11th, farewell parties were held in the Glasgow and Edinburgh Branches for missionaries soon to leave for their homes. An enjoyable evening was spent at each place. Refreshments were served.

Sheffield—The Bee-Hive girls of the Doncaster Branch produced a splendid program at a branch social given on November 22nd. Refreshments were served.

On November 1st, an M Men class was organized in the Barnsley Branch M. I. A. A suitable constitution, lesson outline and activity program have been chosen by the members. The officers are: G.

Richard K. Birkhead, president; Harry Hall, vice-president; and Alfred Leaberry, secretary and treasurer.

Ulster—On Friday evening, October 31st, a Hallowe'en party was given by the Recreation Committee of the Belfast Branch. The members and friends attending thoroughly enjoyed a program and games.

Branch Conferences: Of the Sparkbrook Branch, Birmingham District, held on November 9th. An appropriate theme was well carried out in speech and song. Attending were President Virgil J. Smith, and Elders Ivan E. Lauper and Orrin W. Astle.

Of the Coventry Branch, Birmingham District, held on November 16th, in the home of Brother George E. Hunter. Appropriate talks on the principles of the Gospel were given. The home was filled to overflowing. President Virgil J. Smith, and Elders Ivan E. Lauper and Elwood A. Gee were present.



DELIGHTFUL EVENING IN MANSFIELD BRANCH, NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

Of the Cheltenham Branch, Bristol District, held on November 9th. A program based upon "Purity and Spiritual Development" was developed in speech and song. The following missionaries attended: President David H. Huish, and Elders William T. Knapton and Bernard P. Brockbank.

Of the Stroud Branch, Bristol District, held on November 16th. "Jesus Christ and His Authority" was the theme. President David H. Huish, and Elders Walter G. Windsor and H. Vernon Clegg attended.

Of the Bolton Branch, Manchester District, held on November 9th. The pageant "Hungry Souls Satisfied" was well given at the Sunday School session. A spirit of rejuvenation was evidenced during the day. President and Sister John Cummard, Jr., and Elder L. Burdette Pugmire attended.

Of the South Shields Branch, Newcastle District, held on November 16th. The Sunday School ably enacted a pageant at the afternoon

session. "Obedience" was the theme of the evening meeting. Those attending included President Earl B. Cragun, and Elders Leo V. Toombs, Clarence H. Taylor and Richard G. Johnson.

Of the Middlesborough Branch, Newcastle District, held on November 9th. The theme, "Obedience," was ably carried out at both sessions. A fine attendance was noted. President Earl B. Cragun, and Elders Arlow W. Nalder, Clarence H. Taylor and Robert J. Smith were present.

Of the Glasgow Branch, Scottish District, held on November 9th. A large congregation was inspired by the speeches and songs given on "Prayer," the theme. Attending were President William M. Faulds, and Elders J. Ferrin Gurney, William O. Tolman, Frank S. Campbell and S. Albert Smith.

Of the Pontypool Branch, Welsh District, held on November 9th at the Memorial Hall, Varteg. Two inspirational meetings were enjoyed by the Saints, friends and missionaries attending. Talks were given by Branch President R. C. Thomas, President J. Clyde Sumsion, and Elders George E. Clark, Clyde B. Crow and Richard M. Gledhill.

Of the Cardiff Branch, Welsh District, held on November 16th. "The Apostacy and Restoration of the Gospel" was the theme of the day. Branch President Albert Perry presided, and attending were the following missionaries: President J. Clyde Sumsion, and Elders Richard M. Gledhill and Henry B. Squires.

DEATHS

KINLOCH—Joseph Leggat Kinloch, a brother of Sister Jean Stark of the Glasgow Branch, Scottish District, passed away on October 26th at the age of 30 years. The funeral services were held at the home of Sister Stark on October 28th under the direction of Elder J. Ferrin Gurney. Elder Frank S. Campbell dedicated the grave.

COLLINS—Sister Lily Poyner Collins, aged 46 years, a member of the Kidderminster Branch, Birmingham District, passed away on November 15th following a brief illness. Funeral services were held in the Latter-day Saints' chapel on November 17th. Brother Robert L. Dunn, of Kidderminster, conducted the services and dedicated the grave.

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